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Mr. Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20573-0001

Subject: Alternative Dispute Resolution
46 CFR Part 502,
Docket No. 01-05

Dear Mr. VanBrakle:

I am an active arbitrator and a member of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators Inc. I have reviewed your proposed rules and I believe that the Society of Maritime Arbitrators can make a positive contribution to their implementation.

We not only have the expertise in doing arbitrations related to all aspects of the maritime industry, but a substantial number of our members are certified mediators.

Our organization was established in 1963, we have a proven track record of helping our industry solve its problems. The Federal Courts and the Maritime Law Association have cited us, for our work in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution.

I think that your proposed rules are workable and within the generally accepted practice in the field of ADR today. I do not think that this work should be done in house by members of your staff, since its very purpose is to use neutrals. I do think your staff could administer the process. I know an organization like the SMA can provide these neutrals and could even administer the program for the FMC.

As ADR grows in popularity, the caseload the FMC will handle will increase. It would behoove the FMC to create a liaison with professional help from an organization like the Society of Maritime Arbitrators



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I urge the FMC to review its thinking about doing ADR in house and look outward to our organization. I further suggest that the FMC look at the rules of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators since its procedures are well known and are in conformity with the Federal Arbitration Act. We also have a set of rules for a shortened arbitration procedure.

Also when it comes to mediation, we have members that have been certified and are active in the practice.

As I have said to Mr. Ronald Murphy, we will be there to assist the commission in the implantation of its ADR procedures.

Yours truly

Charles L. Measter